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In re Patent Application of:
Michael P. Cunningham et al.

Application No.: 10/825,456

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Art Unit: 3612

For: SECUREMENT MECHANISM INCLUDING
TOP LOADING TIE DOWN CLEAT
ASSEMBLY AND LOCKING MEMBER

Examiner: H. L. Gutman

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 10/26/2005 and the Office Action dated September 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 11 of this paper.